GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MISSILE TEST BY NORTH KOREA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Korea conducted missile test recently;

(b) if so, the details of likely political and security implications as a result of the said test; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a)-(b) DPRK conducted missile tests on 5 July 2006. A number of countries have expressed their concern on these tests. The UN Security Council adopted by consensus a resolution on 15 July 2006 condemning the multiple tests done by DPRK. The resolution inter alia demands that DPRK suspend all activities related to its ballistic missile programme and re-establish its earlier commitments to a moratorium on missile testing; requires all member states to exercise vigilance and prevent transfer of missile or missile related items, materials and goods and technology to DPRK's missile or WMD programmes or procurement of such items from DRPK; calls for early resumption of six-party talks and strongly urges DPRK to return to these talks without pre-condition.

(c) The Government is concerned about the missile tests conducted by DPRK on 5 July 2006. The Government has expressed its concerns earlier about transfers of such missiles and assistance offered by other countries including DPRK to Pakistan's missile programme, which has affected the security environment in our region. India has supported all along efforts to bring about peace, stability, reconciliation and reunification on the Korean Peninsula through dialogue. The Government believes that the nuclear issue in the Korean Peninsula should be resolved peacefully through negotiations including under the aegis of six-party talks, which should be resumed at the earliest.